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TAGS: SCUL (MCLAIN FAMILY BAND)

SUBJ: MCLAIN FAMILY BAND: REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FUNDS

1. ALL PERFORMANCES BY MCLAIN FAMILY BAND IN TAIWAN CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE DUE TO DEATH OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK. MCLAINS ALREADY IN TAIWAN WHEN CANCELLATION ANNOUNCED, HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING.

2. MCLAIN VISIT SPONSORED BY FAR EASTERN ARTISTS MANAGEMENT, PRIVATE IMPRESSARIO. CANCELLATION UNEXPECTED AND UNAVOIDABLE, HAS RESULTED IN FEAM BEING OUT OF POCKET U.S. \$650 SPENT FOR ADVANCE PUBLICITY (WHICH MCLAINS TERMED THE BEST THEY HAD EVER SEEN AT OVERSEAS POST), PRINTING, AND ROOM AND BOARD FOR MCLAINS.

3. THOUGH NOT A CO-SPONSOR AND NOT TECHNICALLY REQUIRED TO SHARE COSTS, POST FEELS SOME FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BY US TO OFFSET FEAM'S LOSSES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE UNDER THESE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

WE HAD SUGGESTED MCLAINS TO FEAM FOR SPONSORSHIP AND WORKED CLOSELY ON ALL ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE MCLAIN PERFORMANCES SUPPORTED POST OBJECTIVES, SPECIFICALLY IN MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOLK MUSIC GROUP OUTLINED IN CU PROJECT A (8) IN FY-75 COUNTRY PLAN. FEAM HAS OFTEN COOPERATED WITH POST ON CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, NOTABLY MARTHA GRAHAM VISIT LAST YEAR. WE CONSIDER FEAM VALUABLE AND COOPERATIVE CONTACT.

4. POST BUDGET VERY TIGHT NOW, SO NO LOCAL FUNDS AVAILABLE. CAN CU PROVIDE ANY FUNDS FOR THIS UNUSUAL SITUATION?

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